

ACTON NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

To: Acton Board of Appeals, Scott Mutch, Planning Dept. **Date:** December 1, 2008
From: Tom Tidman, Natural Resources Director
Subject: 442 Massachusetts Avenue – Lalli Terrace

The Conservation Commission opened its hearing on November 5, 2008 to review the proposed development at 442 Massachusetts Avenue. At that time the following concerns were discussed:

- (i) The original site development plan dated August 4, 2008 showed no control or treatment of runoff from the proposed driveway. The driveway is within 60' of a certified vernal pool.
- (ii) Commissioners held a site walk on November 26, 2008 to review the edge wetlands, examine the current condition of the vernal pool and to review the proposed development area.

Revisions have been made to the original site development plan, revised November 17, 2008, that address the Commission's concerns about uncontrolled or treated runoff exiting the site. The revision proposes the installation of a "rain garden" to treat parking lot and driveway runoff.

The Commission continues to be concerned about the condition of the certified vernal pool, specifically, uncontrolled runoff and debris from the K-Mart parking lot. The hearing continuation for 442 Massachusetts Avenue is scheduled for December 3, 2008.